JOHN LEWIS HINTON'S WILL AGAIN IN COURT

Grand Children of That Eccentric Pasquotank Miser Seek Share In His Million Dollar Estate

The Superior Court of Pasquotank is wrestling with one of the hardest fought will cases ever docketed in the courts of northeastern North Carolina. The children of the late John Cleveland Hinton are trying to upset will of their paternal grandfather, the late John Louis Hin-

Louis Hinton, one of the ccentric and unreasonable ers this county ever profied in 1910 leaving an esmed at a million dollars. the entire estate to five V. Hinton, W. E. Hinian Hinton, R. L. Hinton L. Hinton. To the destiphan children of his deson John Cleveland Hinton he left not a sou.

hn Louis Hinton was 87 years old when he died. His will was made in 1902, at which time he was 79 years old. Even before he made his will, the son John Cleveland had died, leaving will that these children should as the Gordon farm and considered worth less than \$1,500. But the face of his will in red ink' The gift of the Gordon farm I re-

These grandchildren, the offspring of John Cleveland Hinton are demanding a share in the Hinton estate. They are seeking to show that their grandfather John Louis Hinton was not of sound mind when he made his will. And the evidence indicates that they are making

all. At the time he made his will (1902) one of these sons, Emerson by name,

rence Hinton, committed suicide.

was never seen to wear so much as three Worth a million, he had no modern conwashing his face and hands in the horse trough in his yard, to making his ablutions in a basin more suited for the pur-His only pastime was playing chewing tobacco and his hobby was lend-

He had a very mania for taking mortgage. One witness testified this week first loaned \$100 on the mule, to a Negro. The Negro loaned the mule to a neighbor who went to old man Hinton and larrowed a like amount on the same mule. It was so easy that 15 Negroes borrowed money from John Louis Hinthe old man never recognized the

> this man John Louis Hinton a fortune of a million dollars biggest, handsomest business Elizabeth City to-day bears

andation of the Hinton fortune Mary Griffin, back in ante-

Lover Pasquotank and Camforeclosed on delinquents time and accumulated thoucalnes in this section withsixter of a century did the not because of any enter-Is of the owner. No greatfor the Single Tax could than that very Hinton es-

whene of interesting read- Wednesday night, Oct. 1. hown that John Bradshaw thousands of dollars.

lichn Louis Hinton was a hard | ple. widow Overton. Mrs. Over. Wednesday night.



REV. HENRY K. WILLIAMS

ACCEPTS CALL TO FIRST BAPTIST

Able Southern Divine Expects to Occupy Local Pulpit Oct. 14.

The First Baptist Church of this city has called to its pastorate the Rev. four destitute little children. Old H. K. Williams, pastor of Calvary Bapman John Louis provided in his tist Church, of Portsmouth, Va. The First Baptist Church has been without have a ramshackle, run down signed to help put over the Baptist place in Camden county, known \$75,000,000 drive. Dr. Williams has ac

Rev. Henry K. Williams was born in Spartanburg Co., State of South Carolibefore he died he wrote across na. He received his education in the public schools of his State, and is a graduate of Furman University. Greenville. S. C. Upon finishing his college course voke," leaving the grandchildren he wes awarded a scholarship in Colgate Theological Seminary, Hamilton, N. Y. After leaving the seminary Mr. Williams settled in his native State, where he ha. held some important pastorates. He always identified himself with the inter ests of the denominational enterprises in his own State. He is distinctly a findenominational man. A College prestdent of South Carolina gives this word of testimony concerning him: He keeps John Louis Hinton had eight sons in abreast of the times, prepares his ser mons with thoughtfulnss, and is endowed with a happy and impressive deliver; was in an insane asylum. Old man Hit. He is what is known among, us as a new driver, his wife and his wife's moton made no provision in his will for good pastor evangelist." Mr. Williams served on important committees in the A few years later another son, Law- State Convention, and was a member of of Currituck County, by Justice of the the Baptist Education Board when he Peace J. L. DeCormis, sitting at Shaw Evidence adduced in the trial this left the State to take up his work in boro Tuesday. week shows that John Louis Hinton Virginia. The editor of the Baptist | Crank and his wife and his mother-innever attended a church, never took part | Courier, Greenville, S. C., gives the fol- law were indicted upon complaint of Edin a political election or a neighborhood lowing statement: "He is one of our gar Williams, of Elizabeth City. The meeting, was never entertained in the most delightful Christian gentlemen, & evidence in the case would make subhome of any of his neighbors and never highly educated man, a thoughtful and received visitors under his own roof. He wise pastor and a good preacher, and zine stories. a man that gets near to your heart. I dollars worth of clothing at any time. look upon him as one of our best young of Monday, Sept. 8. Edgar Williams men. His wife is also a superb pastor's made an assigntion with one Myrtle Benveniences on his own farm and preferred wife, and the two together are not often ton alias Mrs. Cox. of this city, to take surpassed, in fact, are not often equaled."

mouth has been eminently successful as Mrs. Edgar Williams knew a few things checkers, his greatest extravagance pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. There She got on to Edgar's movements. were some one hundred accessions to the Mrs. Williams got her brother Tran ing money to the poor and taking mort- church under his ministry-mostly by nie Crank to take her in pursuit of her the Church services during his pasto- his car near Moyock, in Currituck counpart in the work of the Baptist denom- letting his car idle along while he held ination in the two cities, Norfolk and Portsmouth Baptist Union. His brother ministers honored him in electing him first and last borrowed that mule and president of the Baptist Ministers' Conference for one term, and he has recently been elected a membr of th "Billy Sunday" Campaign Committee to repreregrets have been expressed on account of his leaving the city of Portsmouth.

> Mr. Williams married Miss Effie Henderson of his native State. She attended Converse College of Spartanburg, S. liams hopes to begin his work as pastor of the First Baptist Church the second

of land. The rapid rise WILLIAMS' SINGERS HERE NEXT WEDNESDAY

Sunday in October.

dous Hit Here Last Season

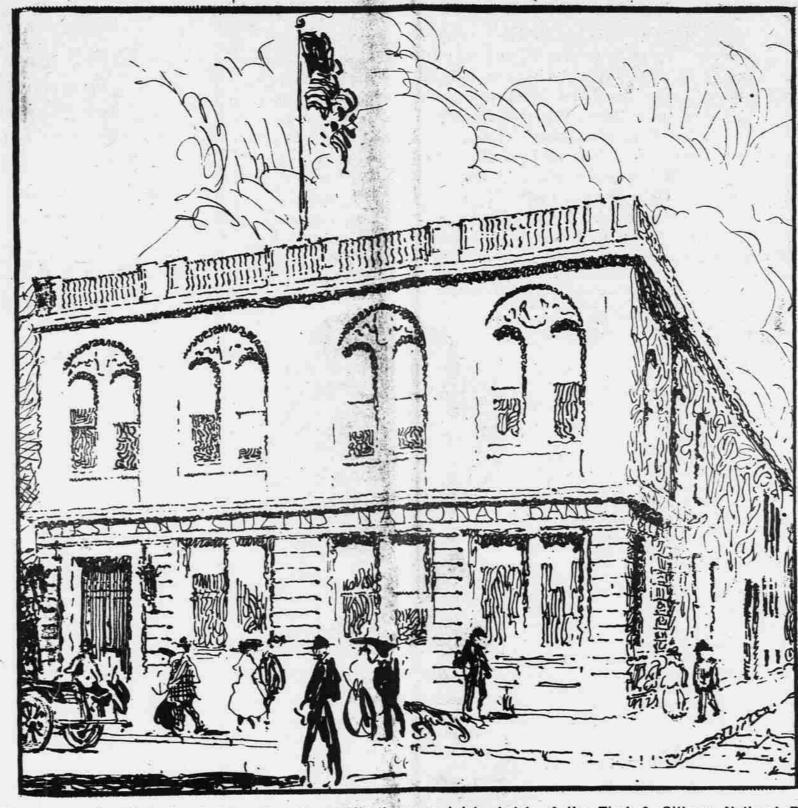
The Williams' Colored Singers, of Chi- the incident. The letter read: cago, said to be the best Company of "Myrtle Dear: -- I have just come from Negro vocalists in America, will give a Mr. Aydletts office and he wants you and in the case on trial concert at Mt. Lebanon church next your mother at his office at 5:30 sharp.

The Williams' Singers made their first witnesses to send them to the roads. Mr. Negro, had business appearance here last October and made Aydlett says that the judge over there with Hinton involving \$15,- a tremendous hit. Hundreds of white is his Best Friend and the case will be It was shown that one people heard them and efforts were made tried before we go in the court house." mulcted the old man to to try to get them to repeat their per- E. F. Aydlett is Williams' attorney formance especially for the white peo- and counsellor-at-law.

On one occas ion he went Mt. Lebanon church will provide 200 ter L. Cohoon. anden county and claimed special reserved seats for white people

The First & Citizens National Bank

THE INDEPENDENT



THE accompanying illustration is taken from the architect's pen and ink sketch of the First & Citizens National Bank building in Elizabeth City as it will appear when improvements and alterations now under way are completed. The First & Citizens National is spending nearly \$75,000 in remodeling and enlarging their banking quarters. More than \$40,000 of the expenditure represents vault and fixtures. The vault is one of the strongest and most modern in the South Atlantic States. The furniture and fixtures are of the best. When completed the bank will have 5,000 square feet of space on the ground floor. With larger quarters the First & Citizens National is enabled to better provide for the accommodation of its customers. There will be an assembly room for farmers, a library and reading room, a rest room for women, lavatories, toilets, private telephone booth, for the use of customers and visitors. An intercommunicating telephone system will connect every desk in the bank with every other desk and with outside telephone service.

SHE BEAT MYRTLE

The Sensational Case of Edgar Williams' Troubles in Court

Trannie Crana, an Elizabeth City jit

ject matter for a dozen Snappy Maga-

And it was this way. On the night her to Norfolk. Edgar runs a jitney line between here and Norfolk and know Rev. Mr. Williams' work in Ports- the roads. But on the night of Sept. 8

baptism. The Church's indebtedness was disloyal husband and his paramour. Myrtle Benton cuddled in his arms.

When the Crank family's jitney came liams gave a scream, made a dash for her busbands' car, mounted the running board and grabbed Myrtle Benton by her back hair. Mrs. Williams then yank- from the Recorder's Court on a charge ed off one of her shoes and with the of destroying private property, and the Fearing and Poindexter streets, in this heel of it she beat the Benton woman's case was dismissed in the Superior city. The company couldn't do much a short while, went over seas in 1918, face to a bloody pulp. Eye witnesses Court here last Saturday. Simpson was say they never saw a woman get such a

man back to town, more dead than alive.

But Mrs. Williams didn't stay long in the car with her husband. It seems that e got rid of her and the children. Mrs. Trank and the babies were picked up on the road between midnight and day. as thy were plodding their way to E'iz aboth City, 20 miles or more away. For some reason or other Edgar didn't

industry, of the people of Famous Negro Vocalists Made Tremen- He lays it one the Cranks. There was introduced at the trial a letter written by Edgar to the enton woman since

We are going to carry with us enough

The Cranks were representedby Wal-Evidence in the case disclosed that Williams and the Benton girl have been Phone 999

ed in Norfolk on a charge of immoral conduct on July 11, 1919 and fined \$25

THIEF WORKED THRU E. F. AYDLETT'S OFFICE

And May Have Gotten Thousands From Mitchells Before He Was Caught

Joe Willoughby, janitor, chauffeur, hostler, errand boy, valet and general utility man to E. F. Aydlett, of this city, is under arrest and the police have put an end to a series of robberies which are believed to have depleted the stocks of Mitchell's Department Store to the NEGRO BANK FOR

E. F. Aydlett's law offices are on the second floor of the building occupied by Mitchell's. Mr. Aydlett has a closet used for storing coal and in this closet C. W. Brown Buys Citizens Bank is a door leading into the second floor of Mitchell's. It was thought that this door was securely nailed up. But Joe had removed the nails and had ready access to the store out of business hours. Forty suits of clothing and many other articles of merchandise have disappeared from Mitchell's recently and the police were notified. At 3 o'clock yesterday morning the police had sufficient circumstantial evidence to convince them that considerably curtailed. There was a Crank's wife and mother-in-law went Joe was guilty and they made a raid on marked increase in the attendance upon along too. They overtook Williams in his house. They recovered about \$200 rate. Mr. Williams took a prominent ty. The evidence is that Williams was and when this newspaper went to press they were on thei trail of more. At the request of Mr. Aydlett, the case against Willoughby has been postponed until

> Mrs. Williams then took Myrtle's place back windows of the Y. M. C. A. one many years before people of his race for the State Board of Health, with the car beside her husband. She had night last January. Billiard balls were could again acquire such desirable down offices at Raleigh. Trannie Crank brought the Benton wo-1 of the Elks Club and the balls were The Citizens Bank building was de in the Elks' club

NO EXAGGERATION

I do not make exaggerated statemarkable results often follow the correction of bad vision by properly fitted gl: ses. It does not follow that bad eyes are responsible for all ills and that the fitting of ere glasses is a panacea for every ailment. My especial claim to your patronage is based upon my long experience coupled with my unusual facilities for testing the vision, grinding the lenses and fitting the glasses on the premises. Upon investigation you will find that I can give the same service you would expect to find in a metropolitan city.

DR. J. D. HATHAWAY

Optometrist Bradford Bldg. thusd.

intimate for months. They were indict-, * * * * * * * * * * * * FIRST METHODISTS

BREAK GROUND TO-DAY

The celebration of the breaking * of ground for the new \$100,000 buil- * ding for the First M. E. Church * South of this city is the chief event * in Elizabeth City to-day. An elaborate program will be staged from 4 o'clock p. m. to 6:30 p. m. _Rt. 1 Rev. U. V. W. Darlington, Bishop of North Carolina Conference will be * the honored guest and principal * * speaker of the occasion.

ELIZABETH CITY

Bldg. and Organizes \$25,000 Company

the first undertaking of its kind by north guished young veterans are shown here. both water and sewerage syseastern North Carolina Negroes, is J. Lieut. R. T. Burgess is a son of C. K. S. Jones, Secretary and Treasurer of the Burgess of Old Trap. At the age of 17 Tidewater Banking & Trust Co., of Nor- he entered Whitsett Institute at Whitfolk, Va., who is also the majority stock sett, N. C. That was in 1906. He grace ing the only Negro U. S. Government 1912. About that time he won a medal Depository in America.

ago, the Home Development Co., a local call for volunteers in May 1917 Lieut. Negro real estate concern, purchased Burgess enlisted as a private in the 30th the Citizens aBnk Building, corner of Division, 113th Field Artillery. He was with its investment and recently offered saw many months active service and parconvicted in the lower court, the case the property for resale. Brown bought ticinated in the capture of Lille. He growing out of the bombardment of the it in, it being his idea that it would be is now back in private life and is attor-

identified as Elks' property. When the signed for banking purposes and con- class of 1914. From the University he police came upon the scene they found tains banking vault and fixtures. And Simpson, Col. Will Pool and a stranger so Brown set about to organize a bank. The bank will be capitalized at \$25,000 He enlisted in the army shortly after wealthy and honorable Negro who has now in the demobilization camp at Camp the respect and confidence of business men and financiers in two states.

> SPEAKING AT CAMDEN C. H. SATURDAY NIGHT, OCT. 3

L. D. Case, Secretary of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce and W. O. Saunders, editor and publisher of THE INDEPENDENT, will speak at Camden C. H. Saturday night, Oct. 3. his methods of keeping his people en-

NEW LAW MAY FORCE CITY TO OWN SEWERS

Only Practicable Way For Elizabeth City to Comply With New State Wide Sanitary Measure

OLD TRAP BOYS IN WORLD WAR

Camden County Community Is Proud of Its Distinguished Vets



LIEUT. R. T. BURGESS



LIEUT. J. F. PUGH The venerable opinion that no good

can come out of Nazareth is contradicted by two portraits which THE INDE-DENT reproduces herewith. Old Trap Camden County, furnished four commis-Elizabeth City is to have a Negro sioned officers in the American Forces bank, thru the enterprise of C. W. in the world war, a showing which no Brown, a Negro attorney of this city. other section of Camden County can Identified with Attorney Brown in this, make. Photos of two of these distinnolder in the Mutual Savings aBnk, at uated from Whitsett in 1908 and won Portsmouth, Va., a Negro banking in- free scholarship in the N. C. University. stitution which holds the honor of be- He graduated from the University in in a contest with the best debator from But the idea is Brown's. Some months | the University of Louisana. At the first

went to Charlotte, N. C. as a teacher of language in the schools of that city. America's declaration of war in 1917, went to the Officers' Training Camp at city to lay streets now to be torn of the bank will be under the personal Chattanooga and was promoted to the up in a few weeks or a few direction of J. S. Jones, a highly capable. rank of 1st. Lieut. of Infantry. He is

Gordon, Ga. Corp. Burt T. Burgess, another Old Trap boy, was recently cited by General Pershing and decorated for bravery.

-Rev. Baxter McLendon, the Billy known as "Cyclone Mack," is now conducting an evangelistic campaign at Kinston. McLendon is said to clean up The occassion will be a farmer's and large sums of money, a big part of which amount necessary. farm women's meetings arranged by John goes to charity. His benefactions are Nyegaard, Farm Demonstration Agent said to be at the rate of \$30,000 yearly. of Camden county. Mr. Negaard has -The new Asheville high school, built staged several meetings in Camden within the past few months, this being one open Monday, September 29th. It is one morning, following a paralyitic stroke.

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North Carolina's new sanitary privy law, which goes into effect October 1, 1919, may force Elizabeth City into an immediate solution of its water and sewerage problems. In fact, the Board of Aldermen of Elizabeth City in a special meeting this week called upon the Elizabeth City Sewerage Co. to furnish the town with adequate sewerage facilities or name a price to the town for its plant. Something has got to be one and done quick.

The new statewide sanitary privy law requires that every dwelling within 300 feet of any other dwelling have a watertight, fly-tight, odorless privy. The State Board of Health supplies plans for such privies and inspectors from the State Board of Health will make frequent inspections and see to the enforcement of the law. Elizabeth City has 1,800 privies unconnected with sewerage, every one of which is affected by the new state law. It is estimated that to equip these privies to comply with the new law will cost the owners something like \$90,000 or \$50 for each privy.

Now, shall Elizabeth City permit its citizens to invest \$90,000 in ground toilets when these toilets should be done away with entirely and sewerage given place? That's the question with which Mayor Gaither, City Manager Simonds and the Board of Aldermen are wrestling and they

are inclined to favor sewerage. But to get sewerage the town will have to install and operate its own sewerage system. The privately owned sewerage system owned by the same crowd that holds the city's water and light franchises, doesn't begin to serve the needs of the city and the Sewerage Company has signified that it will not spend a dollar in extension and improvements. The Sewerage Company wants to sell to the town and the value of its property is extremely doubtful Some suspect that it isn't worth digging up for junk.

Now, if the city undertakes to install a sewerage plant of its own it will be up against another problem. You cant' operate a sewerage system without water. Water and sewerage go together. Eilzabeth City will have to own tems. Here it runs up against the Elizabeth City Water Co. who want to sell their water

The Board of Aldermen expect the Water and Sewerage Companies to name a price for their properties this week. When these offers are in hand the Aldermen will proceed at once to determine whether to buy these properties or to put in a new system of water and sewerage.

In meantime about \$80,000 worth of proposed street paving will be held up. The Aldermen will not authorize another block of paving until this sewerage and water problem is disposed of. It would be folly inexcusable for the months for the installation of vater and sewerage mains.

No one ventures a guess as to what it will cost the city to embark into municipal ownership of water and sewerage. But the Sunday of the Southeast, otherwise city's credit is good and no trouole will be encountered in floating a bond issue for whatever

Mrs. Elberta Henrietta White, age 73, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. of the finest high schools in the South. Mrs. White was the widow of the late J. E. White, of Perquimans county.